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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE:

DISAPPEARANCE OF DR. ADOLFO RUBEN MODAVSKY (91/77/9)

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H PASS: HONORABLE HOWARD M. METZENBAUM
U.S. SENATE WASHDC

1. DEAR SENATOR METZENBAUM:

I AM WRITING IN RESPONSE TO YOUR FOLLOW UP LETTER ABOUT
THE SITUATION OF DR. ADOLFO RUBEN MOLDAVSKY WHO
REPORTEDLY DISAPPEARED IN ARGENTINA IN AUGUST 1977.
WE HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON MOLDAVSKY'S
DISAPPEARANCE.

2. THE RECENT ACTION BY THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT
TO WHICH YOU REFER IN YOUR LETTER IS, I ASSUME,
ITS PROMULGATION OF THE NEW LAW ON PRESUMPTIVE
DEATH. THE LAW IN THE ITSELF SHOULD LEAD TO NO
ABSOLUTE CONCLUSIONS ABOUT THE ULTIMATE FATE OF
THE DISAPPEARED. HOWEVER, IN MAY OF THIS YEAR,
ARMY COMMANDER GENERAL ROBERTO VIOLA STATED
THAT THE DISAPPEARED SHOULD BE NUMBERED AMONG
THE "ABSENT FOREVER".- MANY PEOPLE HAVE

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INTERPRETATED THE REMARK AS IMPLYING THAT MANY
OF THOSE LISTED AS DISAPPEARED MAY IN FACT BE DEAD.

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3. SINCERELY YOURS, RAUL CASTRO, AMBASSADOR.
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